

## ABSTRACT

A kit and method for collecting a saliva sample for subsequent biologic assay that avoids collection contact with the biohazardous saliva sample. The kit includes a container, a preservative solution that is retained in the container  
5 and a saliva collection device. A subsequent laboratory assay performed by conventional techniques specific to the biologic of interest provides results comparable to those obtained from blood or urine samples. The kit allows an employee to remain at his or her place of business and requires only a minor inconvenience during testing.